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To: Commissioners' Court

Cc: Bill Bilyeu

From: Misty Brown

**Date:** June 17, 2015

Re: Juror Donation List

Collin County Animal Services takes in approximately 5,500 stray, homeless, abandoned and abused dogs and cats each year. A small percentage of those animals are lucky enough to be reunited with their owners, but there are many more left at the Shelter. It is then up to Animal Services to try to find new homes for those approximately 2,600 dogs and cats left behind.

Collin County Animal Services takes in approximately \$48,000 annually in monetary donations. Every penny of the donated money is spent to perform the State-required procedures that must be done for each animal adopted from an animal shelter (spay/neuter, rabies vaccination and permanent identification). Donations are our only means of ensuring that we can follow all State laws while still maintaining some of the highest "save" rates in the Country. With additional donation funds, we will not only be able to continue to perform the State-required services, but we can also offer greater discounts on adoptions; thus further increasing the number of adoptions and even reducing the amount of time that the animals spend in the Shelter prior to adoption.

We respectfully request that Commissioners' Court consider adding Collin County Animal Services as a recipient to the Juror Donation List.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.